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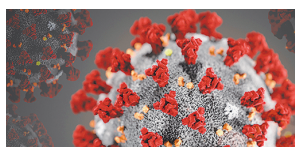
As long as the coronavirus sharply curtails entertainment options, Play will not run as a separate section. Today it is on pages B10-12.

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OAHU SHUTTING DOWN



**CORONAVIRUS
COVERAGE**

*Caldwell orders
restaurants closed
except for takeout,
drive-thru
and delivery*

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Oahu restaurants and bars will be able to offer only takeout, drive-thru or delivery food services — or otherwise need to shut their doors — under a new and sweeping emergency proclamation issued Wednesday by Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

The drastic order, which is to begin 8:30 a.m. Friday and last for 15 calendar days, is designed to slow the spread of the coronavirus by limiting gatherings of 10 or more people as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, city officials

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Mayor Kirk Caldwell announced Wednesday the most recent measures taken by the city to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Counties implement their own restrictions

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Kauai Mayor Derek Kawakami Wednesday announced a nighttime curfew for that island for all but select groups such as delivery drivers, essential workers or people commuting to work, and people seeking medical attention.

And in a dramatic declaration to tourists Kawakami declared, "Kauai is on vacation!"

The curfew will run from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. each day, and take effect Friday.

"Every individual within the County of Kauai must remain in their residence during these specified hours" under the new emergency rule or risk penalties of up to a \$5,000 fine and a year in jail, according to a statement from the county.

Kawakami said the Kauai curfew is designed to protect existing resources, manage the spread of COVID-19 by increasing social distancing, and ensure that essential services and family care can continue.

Airline travel to and from Kauai should be limited to

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Derek Kawakami
The Kauai mayor said there will be a curfew from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. every day beginning Friday. Penalties include a fine of up to \$5,000 and a year in jail



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essential needs, and the vacation industry should not be marketing Kauai as a destination at the moment, Kawakami said in a statement. "Until further notice, visitors should not be traveling to our island for recreational purposes."

"We understand that these measures will result in hardships for many of our business owners and residents," Kawakami said in a statement. "But the longer it takes us to make these

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1 in 4 hotel workers could lose their jobs

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About 1 in 4 workers in hotel-supported jobs in Hawaii could lose their jobs in the next six months as the COVID-19 pandemic attacks the health of the state's tourist economy.

The dire projection comes from the American Hotel and Lodging Association's latest Oxford Economics study, which conservatively estimates 46,778 hotel-supported jobs in Hawaii could be lost over the next six months, with a worst-case scenario of 57,173 jobs.

That's roughly 20% to 26% of the 216,000 tourism-supported jobs that Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) reported at the end of 2019, which with 10.4 million visitors and \$17.75 billion in nominal spending was another boom year.

Kekoa McClellan, AHLA's Hawaii representative, said, "We're in survival mode. This is the most challenging economic time that our industry has ever faced. This is far worse than 9/11, SARS, MERS or the Great Recession. To find an example of a



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similar condition, you'd have to go back to WWII."

"Because Hawaii has doubled-down on the tourism industry and we've done so well... we'll be disproportionately affected. The unemployment rate will dramatically increase," McClellan said.

It's been a rapid deterioration. Hawaii's visitor industry and hotels posted strong January results with only the beginning of a wobble in February. Hawaii hotels in February saw occupancy rise 1.2 percentage points to 84.7%, and the average daily rate grew more than 6% to

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The American Hotel and Lodging Association's study estimates that up to 57,000 hotel-supported jobs in the islands could be eliminated within the next six months. Above, Maui resident Ann Shipman enjoyed some pool time at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki.



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COVID-19 POSITIVE* CASES
March 18 at Noon

Hawaii	1
Honolulu	10
Kauai	2
Maui	3
TOTAL	16

*Includes presumptive and confirmed



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